CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Suspension of World Bank funds

3946. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has suspended funding scheme for welfare of women and child development;

(b) whether this is because of the irregular procurement of drugs and medicines required for the programme;

(c) if so, whether responsibility has been fixed for the same and the suspects are prosecuted against; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Practice of Sati

†3947. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of women becoming Sati still happen in our country;

(b) whether Government propose to enact any new laws to eradicate this practice completely; and

(c) if so, the outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per the data maintained by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.